

**MINUTES
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 11, 2007**

President Bucci began the meeting at 12 Noon held at Freedom Hill County Park.

ROLL CALL

Dino F. Bucci, Jr., President
Ann E. Klein, Vice-President
William J. Revoir, Secretary
Marvin E. Sauger, Sergeant at Arms,
Phillip A. DiMaria
Anthony J. Lipinski
Timothy M. Malone
Robert M. Sawicki
Gene Schabath, (Rep. Mr. Marrocco), Absent
Betty Slinde
Ruthie Stevenson, Absent

Others Present:

Anthony G. Casasanta, David Humbyrd and Sharon Quinn of Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fran Parker of Sterling Heights inquired about the 16 Mile Road traffic light, litigation settlement reported in the paper, neon light at the amphitheater, and advertising revenue. Ms. Parker complimented the Park Staff for a remarkable job during the 4th of July Fireworks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER REVOIR WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF JUNE 6, AND SPECIAL MINUTES OF MAY 23, 2007. MOTION CARRIED.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Casasanta referenced the 2006 and 2007 utilities for Hillside.

Commissioner Malone apologized for not having asked for 2005 report on utilities in order to make a good comparison on each year, as last year Hillside had a short season.

Commissioner Lipinski inquired if the recent checks from Hillside as referenced in June 6th letter was placed in the revenue account. Mr. Casasanta responded the numbers are not reflected in the budget sheets, but a breakdown is available.

Commissioner Revoir inquired about costs on the signage inventory sheet. Mr. Meyerand responded verification is under dispute.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LIPINSKI, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Casasanta referenced a letter from Hillside relative to three checks submitted to the County: letter from F&O regarding the roof on the pavilions, President Bucci's letter to Commissioners regarding the Park's 2007 season events, and a thank you for support letter from Fallen Heroes Memorial Committee.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAUGER WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Master Plan Action Plan

Mr. Casasanta reported that under the Freedom Hill portion of the Plan, he would be making improvements near the woods in the fall by removing some dead trees and will hire out for this project, as we do not have equipment to handle the job. Mr. Casasanta is still waiting for information on the landfill. Mr. Casasanta stated he'd be meeting with Mr. Santoro of Planning and looking at property that the county already owns for possible usage under the Master Plan.

Commissioner Klein asked about the possibility of the maintenance shed for employees. Mr. Casasanta responded he has included this item in the budget as he has in the past. Mr. Casasanta commented the 2008 budget would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER REVOIR, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE REPORT ON THE MASTER PLAN. MOTION CARRIED.

4TH of July Fireworks

Mr. Casasanta reported the 4th of July Fireworks was very well attended, there were 200 more cars than last year, they parked 2,970 this year and cleared the park at the end of the night within a half hour. Mr. Casasanta stated he thought the grand finale was one of the best.

Commissioner Slinde commented on the complimentary article in the papers on Zambelli Fireworks Company.

Mr. Revoir inquired how the food drive went on the 4th of July. Mr. Casasanta reported that the Vets group had quite a bit of canned goods in a step van, but did not know the exact amount.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER REVOIR, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE JULY 4TH FIREWORKS REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.

Outdoor Markets

President Bucci stated that by all accounts Ms. Johnson is not looking to conduct outdoor markets and recommended a letter of notice be sent to Johnson Enterprise in order to move forward with holding outdoor markets this summer.

Discussion ensued.

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA WAS MADE THAT AS OF JULY 11, 2007 THE PARK COMMISSION TO RESCIND THE JOHNSON ENTERPRISE CONTRACT FOR OUTDOOR MARKETS, AS NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN BY JOHNSON ENTERPRISE TO RENEW THE CONTRACT AND TO FURTHER SEND A REGISTERED LETTER TO THIS EFFECT TO JOHNSON ENTERPRISE. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion ensued about the type of bond the County has to carry to put on outdoor markets.

Mr. Meyerand recommended that Mr. Casasanta contact Risk Management for further information on the County's requirements for insurance to handle outdoor market business.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OTHER

Commissioner Malone complimented the Park Staff for a good job on the HarleyFest event.

Commissioner DiMaria stated he received good feedback on the 4th of July at the County Park.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAUGER WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE PARK'S COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

President Bucci adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Sincerely,

William J. Revoir, Secretary
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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